9775/9776 Jaipur-Banagalore Express (bi-weekly) has been extended to Mysore from 01.10.2005. It is proposed to introduce Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express *via* Mysore after completion of the gauge conversion works on Arsikere-Mangalore section. Extra coaches are attached to 6205/6206 Mysore-Bangalore Tippu Express and 6215/6216 Mysore-Bangalore are run to clear the extra rush during Holiday Festivals etc. to the extent feasible and justified.

Rail link with Myanmar

79. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2725 replied in the Rajya Sabha on, 16th December 2005 and state:

(a) what progress has, so far, been made with regard to Indo-Myanmar Rail link as suggested by the RITES Ltd.;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to establish rail link from Ledo (Arunachal Pradesh) to Pangsau-Pass on Indu Myanmar Border; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Feasibility Study on providing India-Myanmar Rail prepared by M/s. RITES is currently under bilateral consultation.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal with Ministry of Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Railway Bridges in Andhra Pradesh

80. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for construction/re-construction/ strengthening of railway bridges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of places where new bridges are to be constructed and the bridges identified for reconstruction/strengthening in Andhra

Pradesh alongwith the funds allocated for this purpose during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir Construction/re-construction/ strengthening of railway bridges is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Railway undertakes repair, rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during annual inspections carried out in the field. The statistics of repair, rehabilitation/ rebuilding of bridges is maintained Railway Zone-wise not State-wise. As on 1.4.2005, there are total approximately 761 bridges identified and sanctioned for rebuilding/rehabilitation on four zonal railways i.e. East Coast Railway (ECoR), South Central Railway (SCR), Southern Railway (SR), and South Western Railway (SWR) which serve the State of Andhra Pradesh also. The bridge rehabilitation/rebuilding works are being funded mainly out of Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) and Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF). A total of Rs. 106 cr. has been provided in the Budget Estimate in the current year *i.e.* 2005-06 on these four zonal railways for execution of such bridge works In addition, new bridges are also being constructed/strengthened out :f projects for new lines, doublings and gauge conversions on these Railways.

The details of these 761 sanctioned bodge works along with fund allotment for their repair, rehabilitation/rebuiici«r^ works on the above four zonal railways is aiven as under.

S. No.	Railway	No. of bridges identified and sanctioned as on 1.4.2005	Budget Allotment in 2005-06 (in cr)
1.	ECoR	114	11.27
2.	SCR	259	59.63
3.	SR	291	31.92
4.	SWR	97	3.08
	Total	761	106.00 (Appx.)